



**HEALTH PROFESSIONS
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TO : Potential Applicants

FROM : Lisa M. Montgomery
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SUBJECT: **KAISER PERMANENTE ALLIED HEALTH CARE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Enclosed is an application for the Kaiser Permanente Allied Health Care Scholarship Program. Scholarships are available for the 2000-2001 school year.

If you are interested in applying, please return the application to Health Professions Education Foundation at 1600 9th Street, Suite 436, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Applications must be **RECEIVED (not postmarked) by OCTOBER 4, 2000.**

If you have any questions about the program, please contact the Foundation office at (800) 773-1669.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS PACKETS WILL NOT BE EVALUATED

**KAISER PERMANENTE
ALLIED HEALTH CARE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
APPLICATION**

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the Kaiser Permanente Allied Health Care Education Scholarship Program is to encourage allied health care professionals to practice direct patient care in medically underserved areas of California; increase the number of appropriately trained allied health professionals; and encourage demographically underrepresented groups to pursue the allied health care profession. Scholarships are awarded to students enrolled in or accepted to a California accredited allied health care education program. Priority will be given to those enrolled in medical imaging, occupational therapy, physical therapy, respiratory care, social work, medical laboratory technology, pharmacy, pharmacy technician, surgical technician, ultrasound technician, and diagnostic medical sonography programs.

ELIGIBILITY

The applicant must:

- Be a U.S. Citizen/permanent resident and a California resident.
- Be accepted and/or enrolled in an accredited allied health care education program within California.
- Submit **official** college transcripts for the past two years (if an applicant has been out of school for several years, they must submit their last transcripts.)
- Be enrolled in at least 6.0 units for each semester/quarter that scholarship funds are being sought.
- Provide financial aid documentation from the financial aid office (If not available, submit a copy of 1999 tax return along with W-2s and/or 1099s).
- Agree to practice direct patient care in field of study for at least one year in a medically underserved area of California.
- Provide three *original* letters of recommendation (no copies) on **letterhead**, at least one must be from a faculty person, **all must be dated and signed within six months of the final filing date and include a phone number for verification.**
- Provide documentation of community service activities within the last two years.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

The criteria to be used in determining the award of scholarships are as follows:

- The applicant's work/volunteer experience in a medically underserved area.
- The community background of the applicant, including residence or community service in a medically underserved area (i.e. where did you grow up, high school attended, neighborhood surroundings etc.).
- The applicant's career goals (i.e. what are your professional goals and plans for the next five years.)
- Prior academic performance and potential for future academic success: All **official transcripts related to your allied health degree should be provided. If the upcoming academic year is your first year you will enroll in an allied health program, please submit official transcripts of your program prerequisites.**
- Financial need (i.e. consider school budget, income available and number of family members you are supporting.)

Information about the applicant's qualifications will be obtained from 1) the application form - **additional pages including personal statements or autobiographies will not be accepted**; 2) letters of recommendation on letterhead, dated signed within six months of the application deadline; and 3) official college transcripts.

Priority will be given to full-time students, or part-time students who can complete their allied health care degree requirements within the next two years. Applicants that have been previously awarded are not guaranteed funding for a second year.

CONTRACT WITH THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF STATEWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

All persons granted scholarships must enter into contracts with the contract with the California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development. The contract will require the scholarship recipient to practice full-time direct patient care in their field of study in a medically underserved area of California immediately upon graduation for a minimum of one year paid employment or through a contribution of 100 hours volunteer work for every \$1,000 of scholarship monies received or 150 hours volunteer work for every \$1,500 of scholarship monies received within a twelve month period. Applicants who attend community colleges are eligible for a maximum scholarship award of \$1,000.00. Applicants who attend a university are eligible for a maximum scholarship award of \$1,500.00.

Recipients will be required to repay the scholarship plus interest if the contract terms are not fulfilled.